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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C.

Chapter 35), this notice announces our intention to request a 3-year extension and revision of a currently approved information collection for "Export Inspection and

Weighing Waiver for High Quality Specialty Grain Transported in Containers."

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by **[insert 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice by any of the following methods:

- Internet: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail, hand deliver, or courier to Irene Omade, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 2530-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.
- Fax to (202) 690-2173.

Instructions: All comments should be identified as "High Quality Specialty Grain Exported in Containers Information Collection," and should reference to the date and page number of this issue of the *Federal Register*. The information collection package, public comments, and other documents relating to this action will be available for public

inspection in the above office during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)). Please call GIPSA's Management and Budget Services at (202) 720-7486 to arrange a viewing of these documents.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding the collection of information activities and the use of the information, contact Candace Hildreth at (202) 720-0203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Congress enacted The United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) (7 U.S.C. 71 – 87k) to facilitate the marketing of grain in interstate and foreign commerce. The USGSA, with few exceptions, requires that all grain shipped from the United States must be officially inspected and officially weighed. The USGSA authorizes the Department of Agriculture to waive the mandatory inspection and weighing requirements of the USGSA in circumstances when the objectives of the USGSA would not be impaired.

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) amended section 7 CFR 800.18 of the regulations to waive the mandatory inspection and weighing requirements of the USGSA for high quality specialty grain exported in containers. GIPSA established this waiver to facilitate the marketing of high quality specialty grain exported in containers. GIPSA determined that this action was consistent with the objectives of the USGSA and would promote the continuing development of the high quality specialty grain export market.

To ensure that exporters of high quality specialty grain complied with this waiver, GIPSA required exporters to maintain records generated during the normal course of business that pertain to these shipments and make these documents available to GIPSA

upon request for review or copying purposes (76 FR 45397). These records shall be maintained for a period of 3 years. This information collection requirement is essential to ensure that exporters who ship high quality specialty grain in containers comply with the waiver provisions. GIPSA does not require exporters of high quality specialty grain to complete and submit new Federal government record(s), form(s), or report(s).

Title: Export Inspection and Weighing Waiver for High Quality Specialty Grain Transported in Containers.

OMB Number: 0580-0022

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2015

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: GIPSA amended the regulations under the USGSA to waive the mandatory inspection and weighing requirements for high quality specialty grain exported in containers. GIPSA established this waiver to facilitate the marketing of high quality specialty grain exported in containers. To ensure compliance with this waiver, GIPSA required these exporters to maintain records generated during their normal course of business that pertain to these shipments and make these documents available to GIPSA upon request, for review and copying purposes.

Grain Contracts

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for maintaining contract information averages 6.0 hours per exporter.

Respondents: Exporters of high quality specialty grain in containers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40

Estimated Number of Respondents per Request: 1

Estimated Total Burden on Respondents: 240 Hours

Estimated Total Cost: \$1,780

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.